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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below, copies of which are also enclosed.

The cited Japanese patent application, no. 8-224894, was called to Applicants' attention in an Office Action in Japanese Patent Appln. No. 11-133445. Accordingly, Applicants also cite herewith an English-language abstract of this reference, as well as U.S. Patent No. 5,661,510, which is an English-language counterpart to the cited Japanese document.

The Examiner is requested to review the cited items when making a determination of the patentability of the subject application and to confirm that such items have been considered by initialing and returning to the undersigned a copy of the accompanying Information Disclosure Citation form.

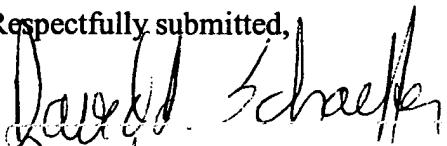
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Applicants have made a diligent effort to place this application in condition for allowance and submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If for any reason, however, the Examiner should deem that this application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below to resolve any outstanding issues prior to issuing a further Office Action.

Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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